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George W. Brackenridge, wealthy banker and philanthropist, died at his home in San Antonio, December 28, 1920. Mr. Brackenridge was a life member of the Texas State Historical Association.

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#### AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION

In November, 1920, the President of the Association and the editors of *THE QUARTERLY* found it necessary to send out the following letter:

In 1918 *THE QUARTERLY*, containing 108 pages, cost approximately \$200 an issue to print. During 1919-20 *eighty pages* cost about \$275. Hereafter eighty pages will cost nearly \$350 an issue. Most of this increase is chargeable to labor. We have examined the cost sheets of our printers and their charges are reasonable.

There are two things that *THE QUARTERLY* can do: one is to reduce each issue to sixty pages; the other is to ask subscribers to increase their subscription to \$3.00 a year. We have decided to do the latter. About a year ago when the first considerable increase in the cost of printing was made, we debated this step very seriously, but determined to struggle along as best we could at the old price. Now we are forced to act.

*THE QUARTERLY* has been published for twenty-four years. It is regarded by historians and others whose work requires acquaintance with many periodicals as one of the leading half dozen historical journals in the United States. Through its influence during the past fifteen years, the history of the United States has practically been rewritten at every point where it touches Texas. Won't you help us to maintain the present usefulness and prestige of *THE QUARTERLY* by agreeing to increase your subscription to \$3.00 a year? Every other historical journal in the country, not supported by ample endowment or by State grants, has had to increase its rate.

All the income of the Historical Association goes into the publication of *THE QUARTERLY*, except a small amount for postage and about \$250 to \$300 a year for clerical help. No officer receives any salary, commission, or other emolument.

We are enclosing herewith a printed slip which we ask you to sign and return to us in the stamped envelope. Since a busy person frequently neglects to reply to an appeal of this kind, though in full sympathy with it, *we shall regard a failure to reply as an affirmative answer.*

We are gratified to announce that several hundred replies re-

ceived recognize the inevitableness of the increase and cordially accept it. Less than a dozen opposed it.

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**MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual business meeting of the Texas State Historical Association will be held in room 158 of the Main Muilding of the University of Texas, Thursday, April 21, 1921, at 10:30 a. m. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Executive Council at 10 o'clock.